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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile medical facility capable of being transported over the roadways and treating a plurality of patients suffering from a range of conditions or injuries, said medical facility comprising: a trailer defining a floor area and having at least a first configuration and a second configuration, wherein in the second configuration the floor area of the trailer is large enough to support a plurality of treatment bays for treating patients and in the first configuration the floor area of the trailer is reduced to allow for the transporting of the trailer, the trailer including a center floor section capable of ~~central area for~~ supporting and maintaining at least one of ~~one or more~~ equipment and one or more fixtures ~~at least one medical personnel station~~ in both the first configuration and the second configuration, and at least one slide out for moving the trailer between the first configuration and the second configuration.
2. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 1 further comprising a tractor for transporting the trailer.
3. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 1 further comprising an awning system for providing an extended protective area adjacent to said trailer.
4. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 1 further comprising a second trailer for storing equipment or supplies.
5. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 1 wherein the floor area in the second configuration is at least twice as large as the floor area in the first configuration.
6. (Canceled)

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7. (Currently Amended) A trailer for providing a patient care facility, said trailer comprising:

one or more treatment areas having at least two configurations, wherein in one configuration each treatment area defines a floor area capable of supporting a plurality of patient treatment bays or operating stations and in another configuration each treatment area defines a reduced floor area for transporting the trailer, at least one of the treatment areas includes a center floor section ~~central area~~ capable of supporting and maintaining equipment independently from the configurations and at least one slide out for moving the treatment area between the at least two configurations.

8. (Original) The trailer according to Claim 7 wherein the floor area in one configuration is at least twice as large as the floor area in another configuration.

9. (Original) The trailer according to Claim 7 further comprising a first treatment area for providing general care and monitoring for a plurality of patients and a second treatment area for providing surgical care for at least one patient, each treatment area having two configurations.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The trailer according to Claim 9 further comprising a generator for providing power to the trailer; an air filtration system for filtering an air supply to the trailer, wherein the air filtration system maintains the air pressure inside the trailer at a different level than the air pressure outside the trailer.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The trailer according to Claim 9 further comprising at least one heating source for providing heat to the trailer and at least one air conditioning source for cooling the trailer.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The trailer according to Claim 9 further comprising means for changing each treatment area between the first configuration of the treatment area and the second configuration of the treatment area.

19. (Currently Amended) The trailer according of Claim 9 further comprising means for supplying an air supply for treating patients and a satellite communication system for providing telemedicine capability.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A mobile medical facility capable of transporting over the roadways and treating a plurality of patients suffering from a range of conditions or injuries, said medical facility comprising:

a trailer having,

at least one slide out having a first and second position,

a first configuration when each slide out is in its first position, said first configuration defining a first floor area,

a second configuration when each slide out is in its second position, said second configuration defining a second floor area, and

a floor configured to partially fold upwards when each slide out is in its first position and substantially unfold when each slide out is in its second position,

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wherein the second floor area is at least twice the first floor area.

22. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21, wherein the trailer has three slide outs.

23. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 22, wherein two of the slide outs, together define a treatment area capable of supporting a plurality of patient beds when the slide outs are in the second position.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 23 24, wherein the third slide out defines a second treatment area capable of supporting one or more a plurality of operating tables.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21 further comprising an awning system for providing an extended protective area adjacent to said trailer.

28. (Currently Amended) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21 further comprising a tractor for pulling wherein said trailer is configured to be pulled by a tractor.

29. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21 further comprising a second trailer for providing a storage area.

30. (Canceled)

31. (New) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 1, wherein the trailer extends from a first end to a second and wherein the center floor section extends from at least one of the first end and the second end.

32. (New) A mobile medical facility capable of transporting over the roadways and treating a plurality of patients suffering from a range of conditions or injuries, said medical facility comprising:

a trailer movable between a first configuration defining a first floor area and a second configuration defining a second floor area, wherein the second floor area is greater than the first floor area and large enough to support at least a first treatment area, wherein the first treatment area includes a first row of a plurality of patient beds, a second row of a plurality of patient beds, a plurality of oxygen and suction ports and diagnostic instruments, and at least one electricity source for providing for providing general care and monitoring for the plurality of patients.

33. (New) The mobile medical facility of Claim 32, wherein the second floor area is larger enough to support a second treatment area, wherein the second treatment area includes at least one operating room table for providing surgical care for at least one patient.

34. (New) A method for providing medical care to a plurality of patients comprising:
transporting a first trailer in a first configuration from a first location to a second location, wherein in the first configuration the first trailer defines a first floor area and wherein in the first configuration the first trailer defines a size and a shape for facilitating the transportation of the first trailer over roadways;

expanding the first trailer into a second configuration, wherein in the second configuration the trailer defines a second floor area greater than first floor area; and

providing at least a first treatment area within the second floor area having a plurality of patient treatment bays in which more than one of the plurality of patient treatment bays is for providing general care and at least one patient treatment bay is for providing critical care.

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35. (New) The method of Claim 34 further comprising providing a second treatment area within the second floor area having at least one operating station for providing surgical care for at least one patient.

36. (New) The method of Claim 34, wherein at least one of the plurality of patient treatment beds is for providing dental care for at least one patient.